

SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate finds that:

(1) Social Security provides a relatively modest insurance benefit for seniors—many of whom rely on Social Security for part or all of their monthly income. Without Social Security, forty, forty eight percent of beneficiaries would be in poverty today.

(2) In order to protect benefit levels against inflation, Social Security beneficiaries receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) based on Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W).

(3) The January 2003 COLA provided only a 1.4 percent increase in Social Security benefits, increasing the average monthly benefit for all retired workers by only \$13 (from \$882 to \$895).

(4) Annual growth in Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket health care costs for retired individuals on fixed incomes far exceeded the small COLA increases provided to Social Security beneficiaries.

(5) Reducing COLAs will disproportionately harm low-income Social Security beneficiaries and push millions of seniors into poverty.

SEC. 2.

Sense of the Senate. It is the sense of the Senate that Social Security cost-of-living adjustments should not be reduced.

SENATE RESOLUTION 156—TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. V. UNITED STATES, ET AL

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 156

Whereas, the United States Senate, Emily J. Reynolds, Secretary of the Senate, and William H. Pickle, Senate Sergeant at Arms, have been named as defendants in the case of *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States Senate, et al.*, No. 1:03CV01066, now pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend the Senate and officers of the Senate in civil actions relating to their official responsibilities; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent the United States Senate, Emily J. Reynolds, Secretary of the Senate, and William H. Pickle, Senate Sergeant at Arms, in the case of *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States Senate, et al.*

SENATE RESOLUTION 157—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRINTING OF THE PRAYERS OF REVEREND LLOYD JOHN OGILVIE

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 157

Resolved,

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF PRINTING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be printed with an appropriate illustration as a Senate document, the prayers by the Reverend Lloyd John Ogilvie, Doctor of Divinity, the Chaplain of the Senate, at the opening of the daily sessions of the Senate during the One Hundred and Fifth Congress, One Hundred and Sixth Congress, One Hundred and Seventh Congress, and One Hundred and Eighth Congress, together with any other prayers offered by him during that period in his official capacity as Chaplain of the Senate.

(b) ADDITIONAL COPIES.—There shall be printed such additional copies not to exceed \$3,000 in cost of such documents for the use of the Joint Committee on Printing.

SEC. 2. OVERSIGHT OF PRINTING.

The copy of the document authorized under section 1 shall be prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 47—RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES WHO VOLUNTEERED OR DONATED ITEMS TO THE NORTH PLATTE CANTEN IN NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA, DURING WORLD WAR II FROM DECEMBER 25, 1941, TO APRIL 1, 1946

Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 47

Whereas, at the beginning of World War II, residents of North Platte, Nebraska, received information that members of the Nebraska National Guard from the North Platte area would be traveling through the community of North Platte on a troop train en route to the west coast;

Whereas residents of the North Platte community met the troop train with food and other gifts for the troops when the train arrived at the Union Pacific train station on December 17, 1941;

Whereas, although the troop train carried young men from Kansas instead of members of the Nebraska National Guard, the residents of North Platte presented the young men from Kansas with the food and other items that were donated;

Whereas Rae Wilson, of North Platte, proposed to her community the idea of establishing the North Platte Canteen so that residents could greet every troop train that traveled through North Platte and provide the military troops en route to serving their country in World War II with comforts from home;

Whereas, on December 25, 1941, the North Platte Canteen began serving food and other items to the United States military troops traveling across the United States to either the east or west coast before being shipped overseas;

Whereas, during World War II, the North Platte Canteen greeted and served food to approximately 6,000,000 men and women from every State in the Union;

Whereas individuals from 125 communities in Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas donated food and volunteered at the North Platte Canteen during the approximately 5-year period in which it operated;

Whereas the North Platte Canteen operated strictly with volunteers from local communities, organizations, churches, schools, and other groups, and without any Federal assistance;

Whereas the North Platte Canteen received \$137,000 in cash contributions from benefit dances, scrap-metal drives, school victory clubs, donation cans in local businesses, and relatives of servicemembers who traveled through the Canteen to help maintain the Canteen's operations for about 5 years;

Whereas the North Platte Canteen served each month about 40,000 homemade cookies, 30,000 hard-boiled eggs, 6,500 doughnuts, 4,000 loaves of bread, 3,000 pounds of meat, 450 pounds of cheese, 60 quarts of peanut butter, 1,350 pounds of coffee, 1,200 quarts of cream, 750 dozen rolls, and 600 birthday cakes; and

Whereas the North Platte Canteen was honored by the United States Army with the presentation of the Meritorious Wartime Service Award by the Secretary of War: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes the outstanding efforts of the individuals and communities involved with the North Platte Canteen to dispense food and good cheer to the approximately 6,000,000 members of the United States Armed Forces who traveled on troop trains through North Platte, Nebraska, from December 25, 1941, through April 1, 1946, during World War II; and

(2) requests the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the heroic efforts of those patriotic Americans who made enormous sacrifices to make the North Platte Canteen a successful expression of the warmth and caring of home for soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines of our Nation making their way to war.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED

SA 832. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 51, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

SA 833. Mr. BAUCUS proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 51, *supra*.

SA 834. Mr. DASCHLE proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 51, *supra*.

SA 835. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 51, *supra*.

SA 836. Mr. HOLLINGS proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 51, *supra*.

SA 837. Mr. DORGAN proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 51, *supra*.

SA 838. Mr. HARKIN proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 51, *supra*.

SA 839. Mr. DURBIN proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 51, *supra*.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 832. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 51, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt; as follows:

At the end add the following: